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Light Vote Gives Trio Big Margin

A three-man ticket composed of William Hanson, Bert M. Lynn, and Albert Charles scored an overwhelming victory at the polls Tuesday to win three seats on the Torrance board of education. Complete but unofficial returns compiled after the polls closed Tuesday showed Hanson led the ticket with 4494 votes. Lynn, the city's planning commission president, ran a close second with 4425 votes, and Charles was elected with 3309 votes.

also in the Riviera area, logged 460 ballots.

At the other end of the scale, Magruder Elementary School was visited by 56 voters; Hamilton by 90, and Madison by 122.

THE PRECINCTS are generally consolidated into groups which contain from 1000 to 1200 voters, school officials said.

Percentage of voting ranged from a high of 40 per cent at the Fern-Greenwood school to a low of 10 per cent at Magruder, according to compilations in the district office.

The new board members will take their posts effective next July 1, beginning of the fiscal year for the schools. They will join Clinton B. Cooke and William Boswell, whose terms have two years to run.

THE ELECTION of the trio was hailed as a victory by those who had been critical of the operation and academic achievements of the Torrance school system.

Campaigns of the three successful candidates were based largely on criticism of the current policies of the board of education and its relation to the administrators.

INCUMBENTS on the board ran five, six, and seven in the ballot tabulations Tuesday.

Robert Ellis, who has been a member of the board since last December, led the incumbents with 1945 votes. Mrs. Grace Wright, who has been on the board since 1947, polled 1881, and Joseph Arnold 1391.

OTHER candidates in Tuesday's election and the votes credited to them in the unofficial tabulation include Dr. Burton Easley, 1383; Mrs. Patricia Huber, 1320; David Lyman, 1171; Nat Mondati, 705; James Miller, 652; Gordon Phillips, 525; Jack Knibb, 301; Edward Broderick, 290; and Henry Carreiro, 209.

Voting generally was light, with an estimated 21 per cent of the eligible voters visiting the polls.

VOTERS in the Fern-Greenwood area, the home district of Lynn, topped the field by turning in 812 ballots Tuesday. Newton Elementary School recorded 457 voters, and Parkway 427. About that number voted in the Riviera school, although figures were not available yesterday. El Retiro Park, scheduled to succeed Baldwin here on May 1 will be William H. McKinney, who is being transferred from the Connecticut plant to accept the top post here.

New Local Boss Due At AmStan

Douglas P. Baldwin, manager of the American-Standard plant here for three years and one of the original 13 men sent here to open the plant in 1948, has been named manager of the firm's Plainfield, Conn., plant. It was announced this week.

Scheduled to succeed Baldwin here on May 1 will be William H. McKinney, who is being transferred from the Connecticut plant to accept the top post here.

McKinney has been employed by American-Standard since 1928, and has been assigned to the Tiffin, Ohio; San Pablo, Calif.; and Plainfield plants. He is a Mason and a member of the Order of Elks.

He is expected to arrive in Torrance next week end.



WILLIAM J. HANSON



BERT M. LYNN



ALBERT CHARLES

Special Treatment Charge Voiced on Paving Project

Additional allegations that "irregularities" to some city policies existed in development of commercial property in west Torrance were voiced before the city council Tuesday evening by C. A. "Bert" Smith, who had made similar charges in recent weeks.

Inquiring about policy of paving streets adjacent to newly developed property, Smith drew attention to the portion of Torrance Blvd. which lies in front of a shopping center developed by Planning Commission President Bert M. Lynn.

SMITH SAID city forces did the paving while a check he made indicated that other property owners up and down Torrance Blvd. in that general area had installed the make-up paving on their own.

City Manager George Stevens explained that it had long been a policy of the city to do such make-up paving in residential areas where the prop-

erty owner installed curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, and that the city had been doing it in commercial areas where the property owner dedicated property for the street right of way and installed the curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. It was not stated at the meeting whether Lynn had donated any property to the city for the right of way.

SMITH TOLD the council that when he inquired of the street department, he had been told they did the paving on the instructions of the department of public works and the engineering department.

Smith was criticized by several members of the council for bringing the allegations before them, and at one point Mayor Albert Isen accused him of being "sensational" in bringing the matters up in public. He suggested that Smith take them to "management because it is a management problem."

SMITH DEFENDED his actions, saying his allegations involved management, and that he thought the council was the proper place for his charges.

In addition to the paving charge, Smith said the city should have required Lynn to obtain a business license when he acted as contractor on the shopping center development. He read from the city ordinance, and was supported in his contention on the license matter by Councilman Willys Blount, although Mayor Isen disagreed.

WHEN ASKED by Councilman Victor E. Benstead why he didn't take his complaints to the County Grand Jury, Smith said:

"That's being taken care of now!"

Lynn was stoutly defended by George Vico, who said, "if this man owes some money to the city, he'll pay it."

YMCA Board Schedules House-to-House Canvass

The Torrance YMCA Board of Manager voted to conduct a one-day neighborhood canvass for operating funds for the "Y" on Monday, May 1, during the evening hours.

The Board of the local youth agency noted that \$5000 is still needed to meet minimum re-

quirements for the coming year. In official action, they asked the parents of YMCA boys and girls to join in "Operation May Day" to help the "Y" to meet needs in 1961.

The Board also rejected a cash offer of \$20,000 for the present headquarters at 2080 Washington Ave. In turning down the offer, the "Y" leaders stated that the present site may be adequate for future building expansion.

The group voted Dr. Allen Pyeatt to the chairmanship of the nominating committee responsible for nominating 15 new YMCA Board members to serve three-year terms, and preparing a slate of 1961-2 Board

Officers. Serving on the committee are Scott F. Albright, Albert Isen, Dr. Rollin R. Smith, George Heaton, Milton Isbell, and Joe Wilcox.

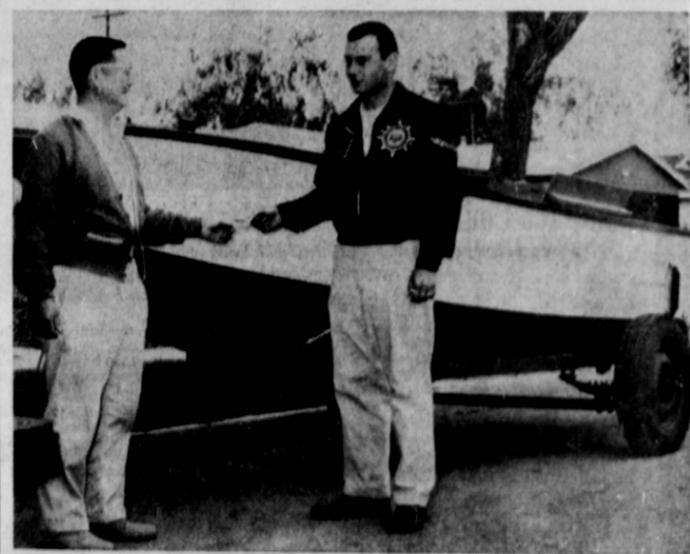
A budget for the new year was studied by the group. The operating budget for 1961 was proposed at \$36,706.13. The group delayed action until the May meeting in hopes that all funds would be raised.

Church Group To Conduct Area Canvass

The Luther League of the First Lutheran Church will canvass the new housing area bordered by Sepulveda, Crenshaw, and 230th St. Saturday afternoon, it was reported here yesterday.

The project, under the direction of Bill Springer, chairman of the church's evangelism committee, is designed to help residents find a church home in Torrance.

Names of residents of denominations other than of the canvassing group will be passed on to those churches in Torrance, Springer said.



GENEROUS GIFT . . . Paul Shinoda, local nurseryman, left is pictured presenting Kevin Eliason, member of Phalanx, college "Y" group, with license for 16-foot in-board motorboat he gave to Torrance YMCA River Rats. The group plans to take the new boat on all their river excursions. (Herald Photo)

Eighth Grader Falls 70-Feet During Picnic

Mass will be celebrated here today for 14-year-old Kathleen Anne Bihn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bihn, 1720 Gramercy Ave., who died Sunday in a tumble over a 70-foot cliff in Arroyo Seco Park. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. McCarthy, pastor of Nativity Catholic Church, will be celebrant at the service at the church at 9 a.m. today. Holy Rosary was to be recited last evening at the church. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

The Bihn girl was a member of the eighth grade class at Nativity School. She was born in Ohio, and had lived in Torrance with her parents for nearly nine years. She was pronounced dead Sunday shortly after tumbling over a cliff above a waterfall in the park. She had been at the park on a picnic with members of her family and family friends.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by a brother, Michael, 12; and a sister, Mary, 6. Her grandmothers, Margaret Bihn and Lilly Billmaier, both reside in Ohio.

Services are being arranged by the Stone and Myers Mortuary.

Realty Week To Be Noted April 23-29

The increasingly important professional services of Realtors to persons buying and selling real estate will be highlighted during Realty Week, April 23-29, which will be observed by the Torrance-Lomita Board and hundreds of other boards across the country, Delbert Vaughn, president of the board, announced today.

Many Governors and Mayors have issued proclamations calling for observance of the Week, which will inform citizens of the role of the Realtor and the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Realtors which is based on the Golden Rule and is more exacting in its requirements than state license laws for real estate brokers and salesmen.

New Chamber Manager to Assume Job

Stanley Slotkin, widely known president of Abbey Rents and one of Torrance's newest businessmen, will present two patients of his famed Plastic Surgery Clinic at the April breakfast meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce next Tuesday morning. The meeting, scheduled to begin at the Torrance Masonic Temple at 7:20 a.m., will also be the first public appearance here of Manager Donald J. Reining, who is scheduled to arrive in Torrance this week from his former home in Indiana to take over management of the local Chamber beginning Monday morning.

Slotkin's philanthropy, the Plastic Surgery Clinic, is one of a kind in the nation, and is carried on through his office with various hospitals in the area cooperating.

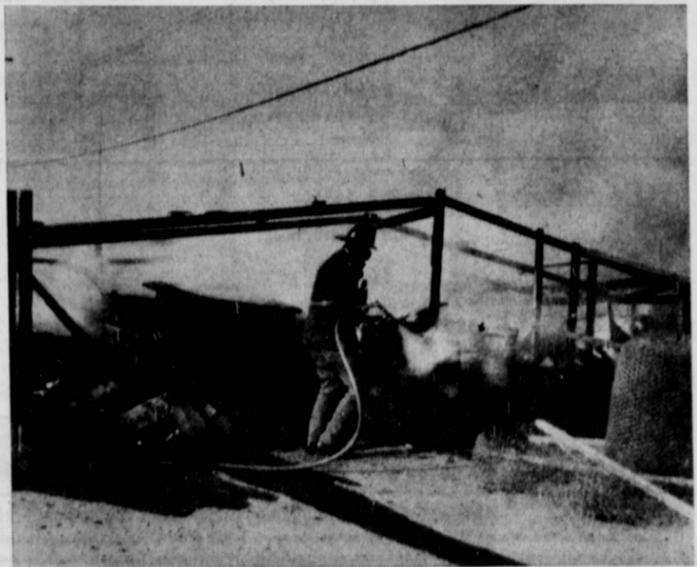
The two patients to be presented Tuesday are chosen from the 3584 which have been aided by the businessman.

Reservations for the meeting should be made at the Chamber office.

CMA to Open At Noon Today

Ribbon cutting ceremonies today at noon will launch the new \$5,000,000 CMA shopping city here at 203rd St. and Western Ave.

Jerry Lewis, George Raft, and other Hollywood entertainers will be on hand to open the city's newest retail center.



KING-SIZE YULE LOG . . . Christmas decorations, paint, and spraying equipment were burned Tuesday evening when flames raced through a compound near Palos Verdes Blvd. and Milne Drive which had been erected by George Quinn to store Christmas Tree lot materials. Fire Marshal Robert Lucas said yesterday that no estimate of the damage had yet been obtained. (Herald Photo by Bob Wilton)

A Penny for your Thoughts

Five high school students were asked this question for today's column.

"Do you think parents should decide the life occupation for young people?"

Tom Holdsworth, 715 Cota Ave.:

"No, I do not think parents should decide the future occupation for young people. I think that no one can know the right vocation for another. Different people have different abilities and should have the right to make their own decisions."



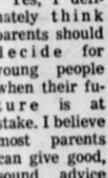
Mike Sullivan, 1806 W. 238th St.:

"No parent can decide for a young man or woman on the most important issue of their lives. I think the individual knows what is best for him without interference or pressure from others. Right, or wrong, I hope to make my own plans for my future."



Bob Mullen, 1519 Post Ave.:

"Yes, I definitely think parents should decide for young people when their future is at stake. I believe most parents can give good, sound advice on this subject and their experience qualifies them in most cases."



Joanne Carr, 1544 Marcelina Ave.:

"No, I do not. I think if parents use their influence on deciding the future of their children there is bound to be resentment. The interests and abilities of parents do not necessarily fit their children."



Carol Echols, 20532 Eastwood Ave.:

"I think students should seek advice from their parents on courses of study that will perfect them for future occupations. I think young people should rely on this advice, but should make the final decision themselves, if there is any doubt."



School District To Get \$168,651

Approval of federal aid payments totaling \$168,651 for the Torrance Unified School District was announced this week in Washington, D.C. The aid is offered under provisions of Public Law 874 which provides financial assistance to schools affected by federal employ-